GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITIES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers in the country and the number out of them having less than 2 acres of cultivable land, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide electricity irrigation facilities, manure and seeds free of cost to these poor farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Data on the number of farmers having cultivable land are not compiled. However, data on number of Operational Holding according to size-group of operated area are generated through quinquennial Agricultural Census. The latest available information relates to Agricultural Census 1995-96. A statement showing the total number of Operational Holdings and MarginalOperational Holdings as per Agricultural Census 1995-96 is given in Annexure.

(b)to(d): There is no proposal before the Government of India to provide electricity, irrigationfacilities and manure free of cost to the farmers including those having less than two acres of cultivable land. However, under different schemes related to agriculture, assistance is given for various components like seed, Integrated Pest Management, training, micronutrients, farmimplements, etc. to all categories of farmers including those having less than 2 acres of land under the National Pulses Development Project and Oilseeds Production Programme, seedminikits of latest varieties are distributed free of cost to Small and Marginal farmers, particularly SC/ST farmers.

(e): Under the Constitution of India Electricity, Irrigation and Agriculture are State Subjects.Provision of facilities like electricity, irrigation and manure free of cost to farmers is to be decided by the respective State Governments. Annexure

Statewise total number of operational Holdings number of Marginal operation Holdings as per Agricultural Census, 1995-96

(In Thousand)

Sl.No.	State/UTs	Total Number of Operational Holdings	Number of Marginal Holdings
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10603	6300
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	104	21
3.	Assam	2683	1669
4.	Bihar (including Jharkhand)	14155	11344
5.	Goa	70	57
6.	Gujarat	3781	1034
7	Haryana	1728	815
8.	Himachal Pradesh	863	556

9. Jammu & Kashmir	1336	1041
10. Karnataka	6221	2610
11. Kerala	6299	5918
12. Madhya Pradesh (including Chhatisgarh)	9603	3878
13. Maharashtra	10653	4266
14. Manipur	143	69
15. Meghalaya	160	72
16. Mizoram	66	28
17. Nagaland	149	9
18. Orissa	3966	2145
19. Punjab	1093	204
20. Rajasthan	5364	1611
21. Sikkim	44	24
22. Tamil Nadu	8012	5951
23. Tripura	301	247
24. Uttar Pradesh (including Uttranchal)	21529	16237
25. West Bengal	6547	5003
26. Union Territories	107	70
27. All India	115580	71179

Note: Marginal Operational holdings : Operational holdings having operated area less than 2.47 acres.